

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Masakuni NODA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application No.: 10/500,911)	Examiner: Daniel M. SULLIVAN
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For: SCREENING METHOD)	

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the enclosed IDS Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art"

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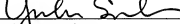
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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